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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants identify the documents listed on the modified Form PTO 1449 accompanying this submission. Copies of the documents cited are enclosed.

Remarks

Norwegian Document No. 25,934 discloses a stilbar skrunokkel (see Figure 1).

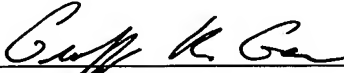
Russian Document No. 167008 discloses fractures of the lower jaw (see Figure 1).

Russian Document No. 1572590 discloses a distraction device with link motion regulator in the form of plate in which an under sprung pipe is mounted (see Figure 1).

Applicants do not concede that the identified materials constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws.

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